

House Resolution 1036

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may
2 by general law provide for the dedication and deposit of revenues from specified sources for
3 the purposes of the fund into a Trauma Care Trust Fund; to provide that moneys in the fund
4 shall be used exclusively for support of a state-wide trauma network to ensure all Georgians
5 have access to lifesaving trauma care in the event of a life-threatening injury; to provide that
6 contributions and revenues deposited into the fund shall not be subject to the lapsing
7 provisions of the Constitution; to provide for the submission of this amendment for
8 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by inserting a new
11 subparagraph to read as follows:

13 "(o) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the creation of
14 a Trauma Care Trust Fund. Any hospital, hospital authority, county, or municipality is
15 authorized to contribute or transfer moneys to the fund, and any other person or entity
16 specified by the General Assembly may also contribute to the fund. The General Assembly
17 may provide by general law for the dedication and deposit of revenues raised from
18 specified sources for the purposes of the fund into the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be
19 used exclusively for trauma care programs to support designated trauma centers, physicians
20 caring for trauma patients, emergency medical services transportation of trauma patients,
21 air ambulance support for trauma patients, rehabilitation services, data collection, and
22 injury prevention education and research and to provide for development of a state-wide
23 trauma network to serve all persons in the event of a traumatic injury. Any other
24 appropriation from the Trauma Care Trust Fund shall be void. Notwithstanding the
25 provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the General Assembly is authorized to
26 designate one or more sources of revenue to be paid into the fund. Moneys paid into the

1 fund shall not be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c),
2 relative to the lapsing of funds."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
5 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
6 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

7 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
8 Assembly to provide by general law for the dedication and deposit of
9 revenues raised from specified sources for the purposes of the fund into a
10 Trauma Care Trust Fund; to provide that moneys in the fund shall be used
11 exclusively for trauma care programs to support designated trauma centers,
12 physicians caring for trauma patients, emergency medical services
13 () NO transportation of trauma patients, air ambulance support for trauma patients,
14 rehabilitation services, data collection, and injury prevention education and
15 research; to provide for development of a state-wide trauma network to
16 serve all persons in the event of a traumatic injury; and to provide that
17 contributions and revenues deposited to the fund shall not lapse?"

18 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
19 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
20 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
21 become a part of the Constitution of this state.